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Letters to the Editor
The New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

ATT: Ms. Inell Willis

Dear Ms. Willis:

Thank you for your prompt telephone call yesterday morning informing us that our faxed Letter to the Editor was being considered for publication. We look forward to speaking with Mr. George Gustines, who you indicated would be calling us later today.

Because of the profoundly serious nature of what our Letter describes, we enclose the following substantiating materials:

- (a) our April 29, 1996 letter to Mr. Finnegan, detailing our repeated requests to obtain information about the Governor's temporary judicial screening committee and annexing, as Exhibit "E", unimplemented Executive Order 10 establishing State, Department, and County judicial screening committees
- (b) our June 12, 1996 letter to Mr. Finnegan, enclosing our June 11, 1996 letter to the Senators of the New York State Senate

Also enclosed is a copy of our April 24, 1996 letter requesting to meet with Governor Pataki to present him with the petition signatures of "thousands of New Yorkers".

Although each of the foregoing letters was sent certified mail, return receipt, we received no response to any of them. Additionally, in writing our Letter to the Editor, we verified that there has been no implementation of Executive Order 10 and that the temporary judicial screening committee, about which there is no publicly available information, still has no telephone number except through Mr. Finnegan.

Ms. Inell Willis

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FYI, we enclose a copy of CJA's informational brochure containing, as inserts, reprints of our two Letters to the Editor, published in the New York Law Journal, "Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate" (8/14/95) and "No Justification for Process's Secrecy" (1/24/96), as well as of our New York Times Op-Ed ad "Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?" (10/26/94).

We also enclose a "hard copy" of the Times' publication of our Letter to the Editor, "Untrustworthy Ratings?", which appeared on July 17, 1992.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures